

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1409 - HB 1373

April 1, 2021

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires the state to reimburse a local government that provides health insurance benefits for first responders for the portion of health insurance premiums and benefits for which the local government is responsible if it provides for the surviving spouse and children of a first responder killed in the line of duty, and not just the amount for which the local government is responsible under the health insurance policy.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – \$11,100/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006080): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires the state to reimburse a local government that provides health insurance benefits for first responders for the portion of health insurance premiums or expenses for COBRA coverage for benefits for which the local government is responsible.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 8-27-404 establishes continued health insurance coverage for up to two years for surviving family members of full-time first responders who are employed by local governments if: (1) the local government provides health insurance benefits to first responders, not under the state plan; and (2) elects to provide the continued health insurance coverage for first responders who are killed in the line of duty. The state is required to reimburse local governments for the portion of health insurance premiums and benefits under a health insurance policy provided to such surviving spouses and children.
- Passage of the proposed language will codify the current practice of the Division of Benefits Administration; therefore, no significant fiscal impact to state or local government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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